

**SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2015 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valenzuela called special meeting to order at 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL - All Present

Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
Vice-Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
Councilmember	Steve Estatico
Councilmember	John Tameron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valenzuela led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Budget Work session on Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Auditor General's Budget Forms and town Budget for Departments.

This was to go over the auditor general's budget sheets. Ms. Gaston has given the individual budget sheets to each of the departments. The Budget is basically based on proposed revenues, and also the expenditures for 2014-2015. We are basically just paying salaries, and associated benefits, which is what the majority of cities and towns are doing also. Expenditures are on an "as needed" basis which means if something breaks down.

Margaret is proposing that this year we will increase the sewer rate, keep the property tax levy the same, but also keep the sales tax increase at 4% indefinitely; the ordinance is on the agenda.

Central Arizona college is raising their tax levy, so we don't need to raise ours and especially with the annexation. Health care costs are estimated to rise about 20% this year. The cost of health care right now is about \$75,000 the increase would bring that up to possibly \$85,000. Ms. Gaston is looking to find competed pricing in order to make it affordable for the employees. Once again there will not be any pay increase for anyone again. The Towns revenue has not increased that much.

Ms. Gaston talked to the Town of Hayden; they want to raise the cost for the meals for the Town of Superior. They pay \$13.00 per meal for home bound meals and \$10.00 per meal for congregate, these are meals that are served at the center. Margaret asked to see how they came up with those cost but she didn't get any of that information but she told them what she would do. She budgeted 50 cents more per meal for congregate and \$1.00 per meal for homebound meals. So we pay \$6.00 for homebound and \$4.50 for congregate meals. Anna Medina told Margaret that the reimbursement cost was not going to go up this year.

The Property Tax Levy, from the Auditor General's Office, our tax levy has been \$58727.00 per year. We actually brought in \$404,000 this year. We will not have to do a truth and taxation notice even though the levy 2016 is \$589,872 because we had some new construction that kicked in.

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If you adopt the tentative budget tonight, June 11, 2015, we will advertize the Auditor Generals forms for two consecutive weeks in the Superior Sun. On July 9th the final adoption will be done in the Council Meeting that is also a Public Hearing. On August 13th we set the Property Tax Levy by State Law the Tax Levy has to be officially set by the third Monday in August which is August 17, 2015.

Also, they were charging the entire liability insurance and all of the audit fees to the Town Clerk alone. She decided to split that up by departments this should make all of us more aware of liability issues.

Also Professional Services has gone up for all departments because that is where we are charging the audits.

The Police Department is budgeted for \$75000 under Professional Services because of the Services from Pinal County Sherriff Services for Dispatch. The Town of Florence Dispatching is split between the Ambulance and the Fire Department.

Councilmember Tameron, asked Ms. Gaston regarding the fee for Resolution Copper fees that were supposed to be discussed and it has been 2 years and nothing has been discussed. Not just Resolution but anyone that is requesting to be connected to our sewer system. There was a brief discussion regarding impact fees.

Councilmember Estatico, asked Ms. Gaston as far as you know we will continue to receive HURF Funds? Ms. Gaston stated we have continued to receive the excise tax and she has had numerous Conversations with the Auditor General's Office and Council accepts the audit tonight she will submit it to them by email tomorrow morning.

Mayor Valenzuela, Margaret has been working diligently to get this done and he appreciates all of the hard work. We are working hard to get things straight and it is taking some time but we are coming along. The GADA Loan for the Fire Station will paid off, Ms. Gaston stated we just sent the last payment today, so that is paid off.

Councilmember Alonzo, Good work on getting the audits done.

Mayor Valenzuela ask for a motion, Councilmember Estatico made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting, second by Vice-Mayor Lopez, motion carries at 6:55 PM.

Mayor, Jayme Valenzuela

Town Manager, Margaret Gaston